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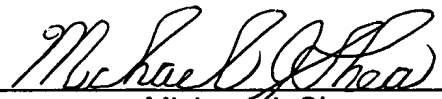
**COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance indicates that claims 1, 39 and 48 distinguish over the prior art "in that having a buddy list available while playing a game which indicates what game your buddy is playing even if it is not the same game you are playing could not be found." Applicants note that claims 39 and 48 do not include, for example, the quoted language and thus these claims should not be construed as being limited in this respect. In particular, to the extent the Examiner's reasons for allowance are (or are construed to be) inconsistent with, add or omit claim limitations, Applicants state that it is the claims that define the invention.

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